



# THE Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,  
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Thursday October 17, 1723.

*From the Evening Post, October 12.*

*Since our Last arrived a Mail from France.*

*Paris, October 16.*

HE Queen of Portugal having lately been brought to bed of a Prince; his Portuguese Majesty has caused to be remitted to Mr. d'Acunha, his Envoy Extraordinary at this Court, 100000 Livres for defraying the Charge of an Entertainment that Minister is to make on account of that 3d Infant of Portugal.

There has lately been found in Languedoc, a Spring of Mineral Water, from which they extract a Salt, which they say resembles the Epsom Salt imported here from England, and purges in the same Manner.

On the 11 Instant began here the Sale of the Coaches, Horses, &c. of the late Prince de Turenne. The Princess his Relict, some say, will arrive this Night or To-morrow at the Castle of Monceaux, the Count d'Evreux, her Uncle in law, having prevailed with her to come into this Country: The Duke de Bouillon, her Father in law, is gone to meet her.

The Duke de Nevers has bought for 10000 Livres, 9 fine Coach-horses of the late Cardinal Dubois, which were presented to him by the King of Denmark. All the Foreign Wines of his said Eminency have been appretiat, and put by for the King's own Table.

*London, October 12.* Yesterday Sir Richard Hopkins and Felix Feast, Esq; made choice of Mr. Mash, Clerk to the Haberdasher's Company, to be Under Sheriff of the City of London and County of Middlesex for the Year ensuing.

S. S. Stock, 111, 5 8ths.

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*From the Weekly Journal.*

*London, October 5.* A Serjeant of Invalides who lately died at Chelsea, was interred in the usual Burial-place; his Corpse was followed by a mournful Widow, whose Grief on this Occasion was very loud and clamorous: However, she went Home, and to comfort her self, married another Husband that very Night.

We hear from Newgate, That one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and the Under Sheriff, came thither some Days ago to inspect the Goals and visited the wretched Prisoners in their respective Wards; and 'tis reported, they signified their Readiness to forgive certain Fines that have been incurred during their Sheriffalty; which great Goodness was dutifully acknowledged. But we are told, there are several Persons there that have been Prisoners for many Years, and not being able to pay the same, are like to continue in that Condition during the Remainder of their Lives. Of this Number the famous William Fuller, we hear, reckons himself one. The said Fuller professes, That now he humbles himself for the many Crimes committed by him above 20 Years ago, by the Instigation of Others; owns the Justice of God and Man in his Punishment; begs Forgiveness of every one he hath injured; entreats them to consider his deplorable Case; and if ever he is restored to his Liberty, he is resolved to bid Farewell to his former Rogueries.

We have heard of a Story of two Prisoners that were sentenced to throw the Dice for their Lives, and the first threw up *Deux Ace*, which put him into such a Fit of Repentance, Vows, Promises and Resolutions, that there never was so Saint-like a Penitent. While he was in the middle of his Ejaculations the other throws up *2 Aces*; the Dice were no sooner on the Table but up starts our new Convert from his Prayers with a bloody Oath in his Mouth, *Ambs Ace* by G-says he. This Story hath in it the very Image of humane Frailties, the Vanity of our Pretensions and the Weakness of our Resolutions: How devout we are when we find our selves upon a Pinch, how ready to promise and how backward to perform.

The *Paris Gazette à la main*, dated *October 8*, says, That the terrible Torrent that lately happened at Madrid, bore down by its Violence several Houses in the Suburbs, and that 4 Persons were drowned there.

One Hopkins a Corn-chandler in St. James's Street, near the Hay Market, was lately taken into Custody of a Messenger, upon Information, 'tis said, of one Serjeant Slack, who hath obtained the Favour of being removed from Newgate to the Messenger's Hands.

We are informed that there will be quickly some Removes at Court, and some Advances of the happy Men into public Employments. His Majesty is expected home before Christmas.

We hear from Paris That a Marriage being concluded upon betwixt the Prince of Turenne, and one of the Princesses of Sobieski; the Prince proposed to meet the said Princess at Strasburgh: And in order to prepare Matters for Reception, he promised to be there two Days before her, but receiving an Express that the Princess was upon the Road, and would be there sooner than was expected, the Prince set out Post. The last Day's Journey he had a fall from his Horse, which bruised him very much; however he rid on, and was blooded at the next Post; the Princess got to Strasburg, the Day before him: And what is remarkable is, that she was received with the Fire of the Cannon and the ringing of Bells an Honour only paid to a Foreign Princess. The Marriage was consummated the Night the Prince arrived, and the next Day he died: But not of the small Pox (as said in our Foreign News:) The riding Post, and the Fall had extreamly disordered him, and thrown him into a Fever, which might have been removed, if proper Remedies had been immediately applied, but the Prince was too Gallant to complain; on the contrary, he pressed for the Consumption of the Marriage, which 'tis thought inflam'd his Distemper, so that he died a Martyr to Love.

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*Brussels, October 11.* The General Court of the India Company held at Antwerp broke up last Friday: What passed therein is uncertain; however, they among other things despatched two Persons to the Court of Vienna, to thank the Emperor for his Grant to the said Company, &c. and to desire his Protection against the Menaces of all Foreign Companies: At the said General Court were present the Princes de Ligne and Ruprembre, the Duke de Arenberg, the Counts de Galemberg, Lalaing and Maldegem.

*Basil, October 3.* The Pastors of this City are wholly taken up in going from House to House, to know who are Orthodox, and to persuade the Heterodox to alter their Opinions, and come into the Pale of the Church. Meantime all the Ministers are expressly enjoined by the Regency to preach up *Election* and *Predication* no longer, but to keep to the pure Doctrine of the Gospel for the Edification of their Hearers without meddling in the least with Politics.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post,*

*London, October 10.* We see here a Book just published, entitled *The History of the Kingdom of Scotland*, from Fergus the first King to the Commencement of the Union of the two Kingdoms of Scotland and England, in the 6th Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign Queen Anne, Anno 1707. Wherein several Mistakes of Buchanan and others of the common Writers of the History of Scotland are refuted: With an Account of several remarkable Occurrences of that most ancient Kingdom never before published; particularly of the Murder of the Glenco Men in the Year 1692: To which is added an Account of the Rebellion in Scotland in the Year 1715, and of the Trial of the Lord Bolingbrook by the Pretender and his Lords at Avignon: As also a Description of Scotland and the Isles thereto belonging, with the Names, Surnames and Titles of the Peers and the Dates of their Erection: the Names of the Clans and Families of Distinction, and the Laws and Government in Church and State.

*From the Flying Post.*

*Constantinople, Sept. 2.* The Grand Vizer has acquainted the Emperor's Resident, That it was owing to the pressing Instances of his Master that the Sultan did not order the Island of Malta to be attacked; but that his Highnesses observ'd the Knights were become more insolent than ever, and refused to release the Turkish Slaves: and that therefore he was resolved to send a formidable Fleet to humble them; and that then, perhaps, all Solicitations in their Favour would be too late. The Resident made Answer, that he would write to his Imperial Majesty to use his good Offices with the Grand Master for exchanging the Turkish Slaves against a like Number of Christians: And some say he has not forgot to tell the Emperor that when he asked the Grand Vizer the meaning of the great Armaments in Walachia on the Frontiers of Transilvania, &c. He made Answer, that the Sultan thought it strange he shoud trouble himself with his Affairs, since he was not so impertinent as to enquire into what the Emperor was doing at Vienna and elsewhere.

*Florence, Sept. 25.* The Holy Oyl was already brought to the Palace to give extream Unction to the Great Duke of Tuscany; and the Hereditary Prince his Son likewise shut the Doors of one of the Apartments which contain'd things of the greatest Value, for fear that his Highness was at the point of Death; but Thanks be to God, he has been much better for several Days, so that his Life is out of Danger. This is looked upon as a Miracle, and is ascribed to the fervent Prayers put up for his Preservation. All that remains to be done since the breaking of the Imposthume, is to renew his Strength, of which on account of his great Age, he has very little left. Mean time his Physicians do not despair of perfecting his Cure. The Joy for his Recovery both at Court and in the City, is inexpressible; for we never had a great Duke who had more Merit, or more at Heart the Good of his Subjects than this.

*Lille,*

*Lisle, October 9.* Mary Francis de Jardin, who went to Paris to spin a Habit for the King, returned Yesterday to Turcang, after having spun 7 Pounds Weight of Goats Hair very fine and white, for which she had a very handsome Reward. She hopes the Court Nobility will come into that Fashion.

*From the Weekly Journal, October 12.*

We hear from Paris, that the unhappy Accident which lately happened at the Jesuits College at la Fleche, makes great Noise; it was occasion'd by one of the Scholars who was to be punish'd, drawing the rest into a Rebellion to defend him: The President seeing the Mutiny, sent out for some Persons to come to their Assistance, who happened to be Soldiers; the young Man who was appointed for Punishment, seeing the Soldiers enter, drew a Pistol out of his Pocket, and fir'd at his Tutor, but missing him, kill'd one of the Soldiers; Then the Soldiers fell upon the Scholars, and killed some of them: The Jesuits perceiving this, fir'd with the Scholars against the Soldiers, so that a great deal of Mischief was done.

They write from Antwerp, That on Wednesday the 7th of October, N. & The Directors of the new East India Company held their first General Court. The Duke of Arenberg, the Princes of Rubempre and of Ligne, the Counts of Maldeghem, Sallaing and Cullemberg, and a great many other Persons of the first Rank were present at it. The Court met at 9 in the Morning, and none were admitted whose Names were not in the List of the Principal Sharers. The Emperor's Grant was read for the establishment of the said Company, and also the Form of the Director's Oaths; and a Vote was passed, that Persons should swear, that the Stock which they Subscrib'd for in their own Names was really their own: They sat also on Thursday, and on Friday, when it was resolv'd to fit out 2 Ships immediatly to be ready to sail the Middle of next Month from Ostend, with a Million of Florins, and 2 others, immediatly after the 2d. Payment. The Marquis de Prie proposed to be present at this Court, but was prevented by an Indisposition, which he signified to the Directors by a Letter. The Court resolv'd to send two Persons to Viena, to thank the Emperor for his Grant, and to present him with the Golden Lion, which by their Patent they are obliged to do. The Actions are risen again to 6 or 7 per Cent Profit.

We hear from Lisbon, That the Conde de Rio Grand Vice Admiral of Portugal, was lately arrested for a forbidden Piece of Gallantry, as he was passing in his Coach near the famous Convent of Olivellos; when the Officers seized him, they found a Rope of Ladders in the Coach, with which he intended to Scale the Walls of the Nunnery, having an Affignation with one of the Nuns: He is committed Prisoner to the Tower of Bolyn, but it is not yet known what will be done with him; but the King appears highly offended, declaring that he is resolved to suppress all such A&s of Libertinism.

They write from the Hague October 12, That a Gang of Bohemian Robbers, having for some Weeks past, infested the Frontiers of Brabant and Guelderland, committing great Ravages and Robberies; several Detachments of the neighbouring Garrisons were sent in quest of them, whom they surprised, as they lay encamped on the Heath between Boisleduc and Mastricht, and took to the Number of 60 or 70 of them, Men and Women: The great Gang of the Men was not there, being gone upon an Expedition to Germany, as the Captain of the Thieves reports, who is among the Prisoners.

*From the London Journal, October 12.*

*London, October 12.* They write from Hanover, That the late Lord Bolingbrook has thrown himself at his Majesty's Feet, and thanked him for his Pardon.

Detachments are ordered from the 3 Regiments of Foot Guards, to level the Camp in Hide Park.

*Wey's*

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, October 12.*

OUR last Letters from Vienna wrote, That the Langrave of Hesse Cassel has revived his Pretensions upon the Fortress of Rhinfeld, having represented to the Imperial Court, That its highly necessary for the Safety of the Empire, to have that Fortress in the Hands of a powerful Prince of the Empire, especially now, the French are making such great Preparations on the Frontiers of Germany.

Their High Mightinesses having (as we mention'd in one of our former) had Demands made upon them by the Emperor, they in Answer thereto, 'tis said, demanded of his Imperial Majesty, the Payment of what is due to the three Dutch Regiments, which serv'd in Catalonia during the late War; also the Value of 63 Pieces of Cannon left in Barcelona when that City was taken by his Catholic Majesty: And likewise the Payment of the 200000 Crowns stipulated by the Barrier Treaty.

Upon the whole, it may be doubted, whether the Emperor in Case of a new Rupture with Spain, will have the same Assistance as he had in the former War from England and Holland: We don't find by our Accounts from Madrid, that the Reform of their Army which was formerly talk'd, of 6 Men per Company, both of the Foot and Dragoons, is yet begun; or that any such Thing is really intended, at least till the Negotiations at Cambray are brought to a good Conclusion.

They write from Paris of the 16th Instant, That 3 Highwaymen had lately been taken and committed to the Chatelet: They are thought to be some of those that robb'd and murdered the English Gentlemen near Calais.

The Duke of Orleans has lent his Company of Italian Comedians to the K. of Great Britain, who desired them of him: They will go over into England as soon as his Britannic Majesty is arrived at London. They are to continue there 4 or 5 Months.

Last Sunday the Reverend Mr. Stanley took Possession of the Church of Hadham in Hertfordshire, valued at 400 L. per Annum, which was resigned to him by his Father the Reverend Dr. Stanley, Archdeacon of London.

There is an Account from Barbadoes, by way of Boston in New England, That Mr. Cox the late President, who is prosecuted for Male-administration, had been on his Trial of several Days together, and about 700 Depositions had been taken in relation to that Affair, and many more still remains untaken. 'Tis added, that that Island was very sickly.

We had this Day two Lisbon Mails, but without any Account of the Continuance of the malignant Fever; which may make us believe that the said Distemper is ceas'd.

Twenty-six of the Pyrates taken by his Majesty's Ship the Greyhound, have been executed at Newport in Rhode-island; their black Flag, with the Portraiture of Death, having an Hour-glass in one Hand and a Dart in the other, at the End of which was the Form of a Heart with 3 Drops of Blood falling from it was affix'd to one Corner of the Gallows. This Flag they called Old Roger, and often used to say, they'd live and die under it.

On Thursday last about 12 at Noon, died the Right Honourable the Earl of Cowper, at his Seat in Hertfordshire: His great Knowledge in the Laws and Constitution of the Country, and his unbyass'd Integrity, as has been shewn on certain Occasions, render his Death much lamented. He was about 58 Years of Age, and has left Issue two Sons and two Daughters.

'Tis reported that the Right Reverend Dr. Oatly, Bishop of St. David's is dead.

By a Holland Mail just arrived, 'tis advised that the Kings of Great Britain and Prussia came to Berlin the 11th Instant, and that Evening returned to Charlottenburg, and that his Britainck Majesty has resolved to act in concert with the States General for mantaining the Priviledges of their E. India Company.

Some Gentlemen lately come from Hanover, tell us that he will return for England the Beginning of next Month, and that he will take the Benefit of the light Nights. Some Accounts from the Frontiers of Poland say, that the Georgians had marched against the Usurper Meriweys and defeated his Army, and that the Victors were commanded by an Armenian, who strongly propogated the Christian Faith in Persia.

Mr. Wilson mentioned in Mr. Layer's Tryal, was this Week taken into Custody.

The Reverend Mr. Escolin is presented to the Living of St. Mary's in Lincolnshire, and the Reverend Mr. Henly to that of Chetmenston in Suffolk.

## A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

**T**HE new *Ingredient for Improving of Husbandry, &c.* only known and practised in Scotland, by **JOHN DICKSON**, Merchant in Edinburgh, who has made a sufficient Trial of the several Grains in the Fields, &c. those Two Cropts or Years past, for Proof, to shew the Virtue thereof, as formerly advertised, which was viewed when growing and standing in the Fields, &c. by hundreds of Persons: But for further Satisfaction to any Person, he telleth the same at Two Shillings and Six-pence Sterling the Pound-weight, with printed Directions how to prepare it. The Pound weight being a sufficient Quantity for one Acre, which being put into a Vessel, containing Twenty five Pints of standing, Rain, or Sea Water, will make up Fifty Bottles of Liquid: But for Conveniency to save Charges to the Leidges, one Man can carry as much as will serve an hundred Acres; and one Horse will carry as much as will serve Twelve hundred Acres. So that the Publick may easily Judge of the vast Difference betwixt the Price in Bottles, and in the Powder.

N. B *There are some new Upstarts who pretend to know a Compound that surpasses all others, but not making the same appear to the Publick, nor putting it into Practice before my Advertisement on the 15th September last, may consequently be concluded to do it at a Venture, or Random, but the Publick and Leidges will not be so easily imposed upon, as to give Credit to the same, till once they put it into Practice, before they pay for it. To be only sold at the laid JOHN DICKSON's House up Carrubber's Iron Ravel Stair, opposite to Forrester's Wynd Head Well, Lawn Market Edinburgh.*

\*\* There was lost on Tuesday the first October instant, betwixt the Towns of Kirkaldy and St. Andrews, a green Net-Purse, with some Gold in it, with a Cornelian Seal set in Gold, and a Steel Seal, both Coats of Arms the Impressions: Any that will give Notice to *Patrick Blair Keeper of John's Coffee-house*, shall have the Gold free, and no Questions ask'd, the Seals being of no Value, but to the Owner, the Seals being booked.

\*+ Alexander Bayne, Professor of the Law of Scotland, in the University of Edinburgh, begins his College on Wednesday the 6th of November next.

\*+ The Annual Colleges of the *Materia Medica*, and *Methodus Prescribendi*, by Dr. Charles Alison, P. B. R. And of Anatomy, Chirurgical Operations and Bandages, by Alexander Monro P. A. and F. R. S. begins at Edinburgh, on Wednesday the sixth of November next.

**T**HE Trustees for the Creditors of Colonel James Ruthven, alias Johnston of Graitney, hereby advertise such of the said Colonel's Creditors, who have not given in the Vouchers of their Claims to William Johnston, the Trustees their Clerk, that they do now give them in to him, at Mr. James Baillie Writer to the Signet, his Chamber, betwixt and the First of November next, otherwise the Trustees will proeceed, without Regard to the Debts of these who fail to give in their Claims to be assign'd for the Ends formerly mention'd.

**M**R. Charles Macky, Professor of History in the University of Edinburgh, begins his Colleges of Universal History and Roman Antiquities, upon Wednesday the 13th of November next.

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